

## AMERICANS ARE MASSACRED BY VILLA

Eighteen Victims Are Stripped and Shot to Death by Mexican Savages

## ONLY ONE OF PARTY ESCAPES

Bodies of Murdered Men Taken to El Paso by Armed Party from Chihuahua

What is probably the most fiendish crime in the hundreds that have marked the course of the revolution in Mexico occurred Monday afternoon, about 1:15 o'clock, near the Baeza ranch, five miles west of Santa Ysabel, and 40 miles west of Chihuahua, on the Mexican Northwestern Railroad, when eighteen foreign mining men, all save one of them Americans, were ruthlessly murdered by a band of Villa soldiers, under the command of Colonel Lopez.

Dragged from the train, on which they were en route to resume operations of the property of the Cusi-huiriachic Mining Company in western Chihuahua, their passports and salvo conductos furnished by the Carranza authorities at Juarez and Chihuahua, scooped at, the men were stripped of their clothing, clubbed, bayoneted and otherwise ill-treated, and the luckless eighteen ruthlessly shot down by the side of the tracks. The train on which they traveled, and on which were a large number of Mexican passengers, was allowed to proceed to its destination.

The bodies of the eighteen victims were recovered by an armed party of Carranza soldiers and Americans from Chihuahua, and were brought to El Paso, Texas, yesterday morning, where the corpses were unloaded and taken to various undertaking establishments.

Accompanying the bodies were eight armed Americans, of a group that had gone out from Chihuahua City to recover them.

A military train bearing troops from Chihuahua, followed the "death special."

Americans who came to El Paso from Chihuahua with the "death special," related in voices tense with emotion, the scenes that took place when the wholesale massacre occurred. They had gotten the story from Mexican and Italian passengers on the Mexican Northwestern train, which carried the unfortunate Americans to their death. According to these passengers, who arrived in Chihuahua City at 9:00 o'clock Monday night with the story of the murders, the train was stopped at 1:15 o'clock Monday afternoon at kilometer 68, a short distance west of Santa Ysabel. A derailed supply train on the track ahead caused the passenger train to halt.

As soon as it had come to a stop, thirty or forty armed Mexicans sprang toward it from gullies and hills nearby, while in the distance on a crest of hills appeared several hundred mounted men. All were Villistas. The Mexicans boarded the train and ordered the "gringos" to stand up. So suddenly and unexpectedly they appeared, that the whole crowd of passengers was dazed. As the bandits pushed through the aisle of the car seeking Americans, they began to draw their revolvers and curse. Several of the Americans rose in their seats when the bandits appeared. One of them called out laughingly, "Well, we're robbed again."

Suddenly a shot rang out and W. D. Pearce fell backward in his seat with a bullet in his body. By this time the bandits had grasped several of the Americans, who made no resistance. According to the Mexicans who witnessed the scene, all the men seemed to take it as a lark, especially when one of the Mexicans commanded them to take off their clothes. With the shooting of Pearce, though, the real nature of the bandits' intention became apparent, and the little group of Americans, some of whom by this time were standing outside near the train under guard, became serious. Still no resistance was offered.

A few seconds after Pearce fell, there was a volley of shots inside the car and three or four more of the party fell. W. J. Wallace, who was walking down the car steps ahead of two bandits, was shot in the head from behind and toppled to the ground. As each American fell, the murderers set upon them like wolves and tore the clothing from their bodies, stripping them almost naked.

From the half-confused accounts

## WILL GIVE SMOKER

Chamber of Commerce Will Celebrate Birthday, Saturday Night, Feb. 5th

The Safford Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night at the court house.

E. H. Roach presided and R. W. Smith, who had been elected a director at a recent meeting of the board, in place of J. M. Wilson, resigned, and who had also been elected secretary, was present and took up the duties of his office.

There was a good attendance of members and an interesting meeting was held.

The Chamber of Commerce has been organized for a year and has been the most successful organization of this kind that has ever been attempted here.

The need of a Chamber of Commerce is recognized by every business man of the town and our organization is now established on a good foundation and will be kept alive to take care of all interests, individually and collectively, and help our town to grow.

The question of holding a celebration of the first anniversary of the Chamber of Commerce was discussed by the members present, and it was decided to celebrate the organization's birthday by a smoker at the Hotel Olive, to take place Saturday, February 5th.

The members will enjoy a fine dinner on this night and a program of toasts and speeches will be prepared to make every minute of the evening interesting and enjoyable.

It is a sure thing that every business man of the town will be present.

The matter of transferring the office furniture and exhibits now in the room of the Chamber of Commerce in the Hotel Olive Annex to the court house, was also discussed, and it was decided to move the furniture to the court house and also the exhibits, which will be handsomely displayed in the two windows of the Superior Court room.

Before adjourning it was decided that the board of directors would meet tonight (Friday) at the old headquarters in the Hotel Olive Annex. Every member of the board of directors is requested to attend.

Are you a member of the Chamber of Commerce?

## Layton Chuck Full of Music

There's music in the air in this burg, from morning till night every day. The Siren song of the Jitney in its morning salute of B-z-z-z-z-z, toot-toot, buzz and whiz is heard promptly at 7:00 a. m.

The children singing their way to school. The housewife sings her song of gladness to the accompaniment of dish cloth and broom.

Mrs. Roach and Miss Cosgrove are heard training the scores of human harps all day long. Miss La Vaque's girls chorus closes the school day with several well rendered choruses.

At 7:30 p. m., the Pennant Company is busy and are heard all over the town and on Sunday the singers are working all day until 9:00 p. m.

## GENERAL HUERTA DEAD

General Victoriano Huerta, formerly provisional president of Mexico, died at his home in El Paso, Texas, yesterday, after an illness of several weeks.

related in Chihuahua by the frightened Mexicans, it is certain that four or five of the party were killed inside the car. Mr. Wallace and another were shot down as they were descending the steps. Six or seven of the rest were lined up beside the coach, not three feet from the track, and shot to death.

There was not a whimper, not a cry for mercy, from any of the victims, according to the passengers who watched the ghastly scene. "They died like men," said an Italian who was within ten feet of the scene all the time.

Thomas B. Holmes, the only American, who escaped death at the hands of the bandits, arrived in El Paso Wednesday afternoon a physical wreck from the experience he passed through.

Holmes jumped from the train with Watson and McHilton, who were killed. Holmes continued running until he fell into some bushes along the banks of the Santa Ysabel river. He then crawled through the bushes until he got some distance from the train and later made his way to a ranch house, where he was directed by a Mexican to Chihuahua, reaching that place Tuesday morning about 7:30 o'clock.



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## PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS

Secretary of State Lansing delivering his "Pan-American Spirit" speech at the opening of the Pan-American Scientific Congress in Washington. Leading men and women from all the Republics attended the session.

## Thatcher Ward Holds Reunion

The Bishopric called all the people of the ward together at the church Saturday afternoon for a ward reunion.

The response was gratifying, as the church was packed with nearly a thousand people consisting of old and young.

The program was carried out as published in THE GUARDIAN.

Miles Reay's excellent comedy convulsed the house with laughter. Prof. Payne's solo, "The Song My Mother Sung," added a touch of sweet pathos.

W. W. Pace added some fine comedy by his "Slams on the Dignitaries," but it was plain to be seen that slammings was not his usual business.

All the numbers of the program were skillfully rendered and were much appreciated.

At the close of the program, a general handshake was participated in, and many declared they had shaken hands with people they had not met since last reunion.

The crowd then passed to the hall below, where D. D. Jones, Lola Mortensen, L. C. Snow and others conducted some most interesting games and contests, which lasted until 5:00 o'clock.

It was continued into the evening by a ball to which all the grown-up people were invited and they came in great numbers. The old and the young mingled in the dance together, and was an interesting sight to see the old men and women step gracefully around in the old time dances.

It was something new under the sun to see the girls remain on their seats as wall flowers, while the married ladies were led on the floor as the favorites, as even the boys vied with each other in showing their mother's a good time.

At 11:00 o'clock, a tired, but happy crowd hastened homeward.

## Visit Layton Sunday School

E. C. Phillips, S. C. Heywood and Bert Hoopes, Stake superintendents of the L. D. S. Sunday Schools, paid a much appreciated visit to our Sunday School, January 9th, and commended very highly the general work of the school, and in the report made by these officers the unusual credit of "excellence" is recorded.

The attendance was close to the 300 mark and wrapt attention of all departments to their work was remarkable, while the singing was especially commended.

Attendance to union meetings was urged by the visitors, as was also uniform training in marching exercises.

We gratefully acknowledge the presence and help of Prof. D. M. Hibner in parents' department of our Sunday School.

Little Helen Callison celebrated her fourth birthday by giving a party to her little friends at her home on M street, Saturday afternoon. About twenty children were present and enjoyed the afternoon in games, during which delightful refreshments were served.

## Help Your Liver—It Pays

When your liver gets torpid and your stomach acts queer, take Dr. King's New Life Pills and you will find yourself feeling better. They purify the blood, give you freedom from constipation, biliousness, dizziness and indigestion. You feel fine—just like you want to feel. Clear the complexion, too. 25 cents at druggists. adv-no-1

## OLNEY A CANDIDATE

Well-known Arizona Business Man May Enter Lists for Governorship

The following telegram was received by THE GUARDIAN, dated Phoenix, January 12, 1916:

"It is openly talked here among the democrats that Hon. George A. Olney will permit the use of his name as a democratic candidate for governor. While Mr. Olney has neither admitted nor denied the truth of this rumor, it is generally believed to be true.

"With a man like Olney heading the ticket, the democrats feel sure of victory, as it is pointed out that all factions will unite on him and put the democratic ticket through to victory, with the biggest majority ever recorded."

## Hawaiian Singers at Brier's Hall

"I have played 'Bell's Famous Hawaiian Singers and Players' at my theatre and will say in reference to the merits of the attraction, that I have never had a company of any kind which proved to be such a drawing card as was this organization.

In six days we entertained over seven thousand people and this in competition with four other theatres and a carnival company. And more than being a drawing power, I have had more congratulations on the program during the time this splendid company appeared at my theatre than for any other attraction I have ever had.

I played the company for one full engagement and then re-engaged them for a second and a third engagement of equal length to the first, and on each night we have enjoyed increasing patronage.

An excellent company of artists, real Hawaiians, willing at all times, well-behaved, they are gentlemen in every sense, and upon the stage command the dignity and attention which they deserve.—L. R. Love, Manager Majestic Theatre, Boise, Idaho."

Bell's Hawaiian Singers and Players will give a performance at Brier's Hall, Saturday, January 22d. This famous troupe will play to popular prices.

## Martial Law for El Paso, Texas

Martial law was declared in El Paso, Texas, last night, as a result of the desperate situation south of the border, which spread to American soil yesterday.

A report that a large number of Mexicans had assembled in the southern part of the city and were under arms, caused the military authorities to take charge of the situation.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Ginter left Saturday morning for Los Angeles, Cal., where Mr. Ginter will take treatment for hay fever.

## The Gist of It

"Last December I had a very severe cold and was nearly down sick in bed. I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a very few days until I was completely restored to health," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. If you would know the value of this remedy, ask any one who has used it. For sale by Safford Drug Co. adv-47-5t

## Salazar Is Now in Globe Jail

Sheriff Alger left Monday evening for Globe with J. M. Salazar, alias Chicarra, the alleged leader of the band of Mexican thugs who murdered the Chinaman, Lee Wah, and Mariano Sainz, placed him in jail for safe keeping.

Salazar has a very bad reputation and there seems to be very little doubt but that he participated in the murders as the leader. Under present conditions the sheriff believed it would be safer to confine Salazar in the Globe jail until his trial comes up in the Superior Court.

The Mexicans arrested by the officers at Salazar's house on the night the murders were committed, have been released from custody and they have departed for Morenci.

Under Sheriff Bennett returned Saturday from New Mexico, where he went in search of the three alleged murderers, who were seen in Lordsburg, N. M., the early part of last week, and who were said to have left that place for Silver City.

Officer Bennett failed to pick up the trail, as the Mexicans had too great a start, owing to the fact that the information giving the identity of the alleged murderers and their whereabouts came to the officers too late.

The alleged murderers are still at large and maybe have crossed the line into Mexico. They are known, however, and the chances are favorable that they will be captured and tried for their brutal crime.

## GRADING STREETS

Street Commissioner Hy. Bingham has been busy this week with a force of men and teams grading M street, from Ninth to Tenth streets, and N street from Ninth to Eleventh streets. They started in yesterday to grade N street, from the Union ditch to Fourteenth street.

## Ernest Judy Again in Jail

Ernest Judy was arrested about 7:30 Monday night by Marshal Lancaster and lodged in Solomonville jail.

Marshal Lancaster noticed Judy acting in a suspicious manner in the alley back of Lee Dieu's restaurant and played safe by putting him under arrest and locking him up.

There is an old charge against Judy for housebreaking, but the people have moved away, so Judy is playing in luck by being released from custody and make his presence scarce in this town.

## Valley Apples

You can still get a supply of the best apples at J. H. Mack's, Ranch, Pima. adv-43-2t

## War Upon Pain!

Pain is a visitor to every home and usually it comes quite unexpectedly. But you are prepared for every emergency if you keep a small bottle of Sloan's Liniment handy. It is the greatest pain killer ever discovered. Simply laid on the skin—no rubbing required—it drives the pain away. It is really wonderful.

Mervin H. Soister, Berkeley, Cal., writes: "Last Saturday, after tramping around the Panama Exposition with wet feet, I came home with my neck so stiff that I couldn't turn. I applied Sloan's Liniment freely and went to bed. To my surprise, next morning the stiffness had almost disappeared; four hours after the second application I was as good as new."

March, 1915. At druggists, 25c. adv-no-1

## A HOME COMPANY

Will Be Seen in "The Pennant;" or, "Love and Football"

"The Pennant;" or "Love and Football," is the title of a musical drama that will hold the boards at the new Layton Hall, Thursday evening, January 27th.

The company is composed of local talent and has been rehearsing twice a week and have entered the spirit of the play like professionals.

New scenery is now being painted to be used in the production of "The Pennant."

The cast of characters will be as follows.

JACK LAWSON, Captain of Football team, Senior making his way through college.

Joseph H. Bingham, Jr., deal for Jack.

LORD WOODY RICH, An heiress hunting Englishman, plans to marry Doris.

Charles C. Carr, LEVI LENDER, Jewish peddler, an 80 per cent money lender.

R. W. Smith, VERDANT GREEN, Freshman from "up the Country," interested in the ladies and a square Jack.

Seth A. Merrill, JEREMIAH BOND, Wealthy stock broker, Doris' father, meek and dominated by Mrs. Bond.

Byron Smith, BENNIE OWEN, Football coach, a lively chap.

Warren Bingham, TOM MASON, Friend of Captain Jack.

Rollin Slinker, JERRY HARDING, Chum of Captain Jack.

Max Brenner, DORIS BOND, Heiress, adopted daughter of Jeremiah Bond.

Miss Clara Morris, MRS. JEREMIAH BOND, Mother of Doris, in society, a would-be social climber.

Miss Edna Smith, MRS. RENO GRASS, College Chaplain, a widow, intent on getting a husband right now.

Miss Emma Jacobson, MISS WARBLE SWEET, Dotes on football.

Miss Lizzie Bryce, MISS CAROL YOUNG, Interested in athletics.

Miss Maud Brundage, MISS IMA DARLING, Admires Sport.

Miss Anna Jacobson, MISS MABEL CHARMING, Boosts the game.

Miss Bertha Ellsworth, MISS VERA LOVING, Helps the rooters.

Mrs. Etta Boggs, PIANIST.

Miss Minnie Davis, TRAP DRUMMER.

SAMMY PUSH-EM, JOHNNY CATCHEM, HARRY LICKEM, SANDY BEATEM, EDDY CROWDEN, CHARLEY RUSHEM, ARTIE SCAREM, JACKIE SHOHEM.

"CASEY AT THE BAT," The famous baseball poem Prof. D. M. Hibner.

Captain Jack's Football Team

PETEY KNOCKEM, BILLY KICKEM, TOMMY STICKEM, SAMMY PUSH-EM, JOHNNY CATCHEM, HARRY LICKEM, SANDY BEATEM, EDDY CROWDEN, CHARLEY RUSHEM, ARTIE SCAREM, JACKIE SHOHEM.

Odd Fellows

Oyster Supper

Some time ago a contest was entered into between two sides chosen at a meeting of Mt. Graham Lodge, No. 24, I. O. O. F., the conditions being that the losing side was to provide an oyster supper for the winners of the contest.

So it came to pass that the contest ended and the losing side provided the supper, which took place Saturday night at Odd Fellows Hall.

About eighty people were present, including members and their wives and the Daughters of Rebekah, and a most delicious supper, consisting of fried oysters and raw oysters, salads, olives, pickles, rolls, cakes, coffee and cocoa was enjoyed.

It was a delightful feast and one that will be long remembered, and it is hoped that the Odd Fellows will get up another contest soon and invite us all again.

## SOCIETY NEWS

Mrs. Morris Simon entertained at her home on N street this afternoon, at auction bridge. There were six tables occupied by guests.

The prizes were: Box De Lux Stationery, Crepe de chine handkerchief and a box of correspondence cards.

The guests were: Mrs. Ernest S. Wickersham, Mrs. W. E. McWhirt, Mrs. Geo. S. Martin, Mrs. Lee N. Stratton, Mrs. J. N. Stratton, Mrs. R. W. Fisher, Mrs. A. H. Ferrin, Mrs. E. W. Clayton, Mrs. John F. Weber, Mrs. W. D. French, Mrs. Kate Jennings, Mrs. E. H. Roach, Mrs. I. E. Solomon, Mrs. Harry Solomon and Mrs. Ph. Fruedenthal, of Solomonville; Mrs. M. Richmond, Mrs. Lucy Aldrich, Mrs. T. T. Swift, Mrs. H. J. Warner, Mrs. E. H. Larson, Mrs. Alice Worden, Mrs. E. S. Mashbir, Misses Alline Foster and Mary Tucker.

## Notice

I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by the lessee of the Grand Reef mines, or by the Laurel Canyon Mining Company.

R. V. DEV, Owner of the Grand Reef mines. adv-29-tf

## CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS ON FILM

Two Miami Men Are Arrested Sunday Night on the Duncan Road

## OFFICERS CAPTURE THE BOOZE

Men Are Held for Trial in the Superior Court, Under \$500.00 Bonds

Lester Eller and Fred Elkins, two Miami men, were arrested Sunday night by Under Sheriff Bennett and Marshal Lancaster on the highway about seven miles east of Solomonville, and brought to Solomonville and locked up in the jail on a charge of bootlegging.

The men were brought here Monday for examination before Justice of the Peace Paxton, who held them under \$500 bond each to answer to the Superior Court.

The officers received word Sunday that an automobile was stalled out on the road east of Solomonville and that it was a bootlegging outfit.

It seems that the machine broke down and the men had to come here for repair parts.

Before leaving the machine, they cached ten cases of whiskey. During their absence, a traveler got next to the cache and departed with two cases of the booze.

The men returned to the machine and made the necessary repairs, then secured the remaining cases of booze and started for Safford, but were met on the road by the officers, who placed them under arrest and seized the whiskey.

The eight cases contained 192 pint bottles of Hill & Hill's whiskey. The booze was brought here and labeled "evidence" and later was taken to Solomonville, where it was locked up in the steel cage for safe keeping.

Both Eller and Elkins are still in jail waiting for an "angel" to come along and bail them out.

## Turkey Dinner for Thatcher Boys

Ray Killian invited several of his friends to a turkey dinner at his home in Thatcher Sunday.

On account of this being leap year, no ladies were present; but the boys all said that they enjoyed the feast just the same.

## DIED

Morris Brenner, the twelve-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Brenner, died at their home in Globe, Thursday January 6, 1916, of la grippe.

The funeral took place Friday and the interment was made in the Globe cemetery.

## BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

Pastor E. A. Gottberg. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Sunday services: Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Superintendent, Judge A. G. McAlister. Classes for all. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Nature and Possibility of Prayer." The first in a series on the doctrine of prayer. Evening subject, "What Christ Sees in Mankind." All are welcome to these services.

## Notice

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Safford will be held on Thursday, January 20, 1916, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., in the offices of said Bank, Safford, Arizona, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and for any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

E. W. CLAYTON, Cashier. adv-46-3t

## Colds Need Attention

Internal throat and chest troubles produce inflammation, irritation, swelling or soreness and unless checked at once, are likely to lead to serious trouble. Caught in time Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey loosens the phlegm and destroys the germs which have settled in the throat or nose. It is soothing and healing. Pine is antiseptic; honey is soothing—both together possess excellent medicinal qualities for fighting cold germs. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c. at all druggists. adv-nol